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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the 2016 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 69/287, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/69/19), decided that the Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in that field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2016 session at United Nations Headquarters from 16 February to 11 March 2016 and held five plenary meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 244th (opening) meeting, on 16 February, the Acting President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 244th meeting, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Mr. Usman **Sarki** (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairs:

Mr. Mateo **Estreme** (Argentina)
Mr. Michael **Grant** (Canada)
Mr. Takeshi **Akahori** (Japan)
Mr. Jacek **Stochel** (Poland)

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C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2016/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. In-session briefings.
7. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
8. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session.
9. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2016/L.2/Rev.1).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Michael Grant (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. Also at its 244th meeting, the Committee agreed that certain sections and subsections contained in the report on the 2015 substantive session (A/69/19) would be negotiated in the Working Group of the Whole and that those sections and subsections that were not being negotiated in 2016 would be technically updated.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision on the working methods of the Committee and its Working Group of the Whole (A/AC.121/2016/L.3) (see annex I).

11. The composition of the Committee at its 2016 session is contained in annex II to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/INF/2, and the list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/INF/4.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

12. At its 244th to 247th meetings, on 16 and 17 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Australia (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the European Union (also on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine), Kazakhstan, Mexico, India, Switzerland, Japan, Pakistan, Georgia, Indonesia, Norway, Malaysia, Peru, Kenya, Bangladesh, Senegal, Egypt, South Africa, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Myanmar, Argentina, the Philippines, Algeria, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nigeria, Jamaica, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uruguay, Armenia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nepal, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Serbia, Ethiopia, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Mali, Guatemala, Zambia, Rwanda, China, Turkey and Malawi.

13. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Organization of la Francophonie and the African Union.

14. On 18 and 19 February, the Working Group of the Whole heard briefings. On 18 February, the Director of the Africa II Division of the Office of Operations in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations gave a briefing on operational field issues. On 19 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made presentations and engaged in an interactive segment.

15. On 22 February, at the 3rd meeting of the Working Group of the Whole, the President of the General Assembly made a statement and engaged in the ensuing interactive segment.

16. The Working Group of the Whole and its four sub-working groups met from 22 February to 11 March and concluded their work on draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

17. At its 248th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include its recommendations in the present report (see paras. 19-[ ]) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

19. [*to be inserted*]

Annex I

Decision on working methods of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group of the Whole

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, recalling annex I to the report on its 2014 session,[a] and pursuant to the intersessional meeting of the group of Friends of the Chair held on 10 December 2015:

(a) Decides:

(i) On submissions:

a. That, through the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole, the Secretariat will be invited to provide a list of possible paragraphs, for revision, including deletion, from the report of the Special Committee on its 2015 session,[b] on the basis of agreed criteria, such as the identification of: requests that have already been fulfilled; repetition; and actions that have been overtaken by events;

b. That, in the annual call for the submission of text, the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole will request that Member States limit the number of submissions, provide submissions that are strategic, concise and action-oriented and include views on the deletions suggested by the Secretariat, as well as the recommendations by members on the deletion of additional paragraphs;

(ii) On streamlining:

a. That the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole will request that facilitators present early on in negotiations additional paragraphs for deletion and will encourage Member States and groups with similar submissions to combine their proposals during the streamlining phase, and that facilitators will be invited to use the first week of negotiations to actively propose "facilitator suggestions" in order to further streamline similar proposals that were not combined by groups or delegations during the streamlining phase;

b. That, in order to help to focus the overall streamlining process and coherency of the report, the Chair of the Working Group of the Whole may present for the consideration of members an additional substantive but focused chapeau, on the basis of initial submissions received from Member States;

(b) Also decides that the present decision will be included as an annex to the report of the Special Committee on its 2016 session.

[a] A/68/19.
[b] A/69/19.

Annex II

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 151 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Botswana, Latvia, Panama, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.